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Board of Zoning Appeals Planning Board Town of Watertown Watertown Town Hall Watertown, Massachusetts 02172

Re: Supporting Statement Variance request for a sign at 124 Watertown St.

Dear Board Members:

In compliance with the provisions outlined by the Zoning offices of the Town of Watertown please find enclosed a Petition for Variance to allow a monument type sign of 25 sq. ft.(rounded) double sided to be placed at 124 Watertown St. which will help identify the tenants currently and prospectively at that property. This Petition also seeks following variances.

- 1. From the front setback requirement of 7.5 feet to 2.00 feet.
- 2. For a height of 5'6" (including 1 ft. base), Section 7.01(h) allows height of 4 ft.
- 3. Proposed sign is 5' 6" high (including 1 ft. base). Proposed sign in 2 ft. from front lot line. Section 6.02 allows a max. of 30" height for a sign within 15 ft. of front lot line, on a driveway.

You will note from the attached proposed sign that it clearly indicates the property address and its commonly known name as the Parker School Office Building. This is in keeping with the original intent when this building was purchased from the Town and rehabilitated in the 1980's.

This property is currently in a T Zone. It was granted a variance by this Board in the 1980's for its current uses. If this building were in an NB, LB, CB or Industrial Zone a variance would not be required. The property currently is home to non-profit, tenants, professional tenants and a day care center. This type of tenant is what the building is being market to. The type of sign being proposed is non- offensive and would serve the essential purpose of identifying the building and its tenants from the street.

Pursuant to section 9.14 of the Town of Watertown Zoning Ordinances our petition demonstrates that we have met the four (4) criteria of that section.

We respectfully believe this variance if granted would significantly assist visitor in locating our building easier and more safely and would make the property more marketable for leasing.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please feel free to contact myself or my Attorney Maurice P. Mason Jr. 147 E. Merrimack St. Lowell, Massachusetts 01852 Telephone number 978 735 5908.

We respectfully request your approval of this Variance.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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